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No. 9050
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No. 955 dated 27/2/82

Asks for an explanation of the cause of the increase in the consumption of Opium in Bangalore

From the

No 9050
440 dt 28th Feby/82 order:—

The Dy Comr of Bangalore is requested to submit a detailed report on the circumstances connected with the apparent increase in the consumption of opium in the Town of Bangalore during the last year & to explain whether the increase is merely nominal due to the large illicit consumption of opium in the previous year without payment of duty or is a real increase & if so amongst what classes & from what cause the larger consumption has resulted & whether it is confined to the Town and Cantonment of Bangalore or extended to the District generally.

Secretary

The Deputy Comr
Bangalore

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From The Dy. Commissioner
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To The Secretary to the ~~Chief Commissioner~~ Dewan of Mysore, Department.

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General No. 955 / No. 1 } 1881–82

Secretary's No. 9050 / 440 of the 28th ultimo, calling for an explanation as to the cause of the large increase in the consumption of Opium

Has the honor to forward copy of Head Supervisors' Memo No. 202 of 13th March 1882 in continuation of this office No. 907 of 8th March 1882, furnishing a Report in detail

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Minutes
Dy. Commissioners.

Memo No. 202 dated 13th March 1882

Reference - Dy. Commissioner's order No. 283 Dated 10th, Received 11th Instant, calling for a report, within 3 days, as to cause of Rise in the Sale of Opium, Lately -

I beg respectfully to reply to the queries put, seriatim, as far as this information could be gleaned, at so short a notice -

1st Point - Was the increase nominally owing to smuggling, or really so.

Partially to smuggling; but also to some extent to the Raisers, their Connections and friends, also being Consumers of the Opium raised everywhere formerly -

2nd Point - Was increased sales owing to increased consumption, and if so, on what grounds do you base this statement.

The enhanced consumption follows as a natural consequence now that the restrictions on the cultivation have stamped out the local supply, made both those who consumed the drug they raised themselves; and those dependent on the contraband article, to resort

to the Government Licensed Vendor for the Government, Opinions, which has therefore been substantially benefited - That it was not so immediately the new Rules came into force no evidently owing to the local supply not having been exhaus It has been roughly estimated that the No of Customers on an average daily now, as compared with those who came before, have doubled, on all the shops taken together, and at many shops, that number has been considerably exceeded - Trade is undoubtedly brisker now, and the Maddakhana fuller than ever I have seen them formerly -

3. Point. To what Castes are the increased sales mainly due? Mahomedans formed 3/4ths of the Customers, while Tailors, Maharattas, and other Hindoo Castes, generally, made up the other fourth formerly, and these proportions I learn still continue, though the numbers